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Super Bowl Sunday is almost here, here's how Philly is watching the big game.

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MOLLY GIVEN, PHILADELPHIA FEATURES EDITOR

It's almost Super Bowl Sunday and it's a bittersweet feeling for the city of Philadelphia. Last year's game was monumental, emotional and a true underdog story. This year, Philly is watching the team we beat last year in the Super Bowl take on the Los Angeles Rams, and many have already chosen a side to win. Who am I rooting for this Sunday? Let's just say I don't like to take sides if the Eagles aren't playing... unless it's against the Patriots.

YOUR WEEKEND STARTS NOW

Looking for some fun and unique things to do in Philly this weekend? We've got you covered.

FOOD & DRINKS

Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

Weckerly's Ice Cream and Cake Life Bake Shop are teaming up to create a special breakfast-inspired sundae to celebrate the whimsical holiday. The tasty sundae is made of French Toast bread pudding topped with crème fraiche ice cream, Rival Bros espresso hot fudge, whipped cream and candied cornflakes. The sundae is $9 and a portion of sales will be donated to The Fund for the School District of Philadelphia. **Feb. 2, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Cake Life Bake Shop, 1306 Frankford Ave., $9, cakelifebakeshop.com**

Philadelphia Winter Craft Beer & Cocktail Festival

Taste all of the flavors of winter at this spirited and refreshing event. There will be delicious hot cocktails and unlimited samples from over 30 breweries pouring winter brews, IPAs, stouts, porters, lagers, barrel-aged brews, light lagers and more. The event will also feature delicious bites from local food trucks, live entertainment, games, contests and much more. **Feb. 1, 6:30-11 p.m., 23rd Street Armory, 22 S. 23rd St., $14-$59, 23rdstreetarmory.org**

Wine and Chocolate Pairing

Chaddsford Winery is hosting this delicious tasting as part of their tasting series. This walking tasting tour will feature five stations boasting artisan chocolates carefully paired with their award-winning wines. The chocolate and wine tasting will be available on weekends throughout the month of February. **Feb. 2-3, 1-5 p.m., Chaddsford Winery, 632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, $25, pennswoodsevents.com**

FAMILY

The cast of "Goosebumps." WALNUT STREET THEATRE

R.L. Stine's "Goosebumps: Phantom of the Auditorium"

This silly and spooky musical is hitting the stage at the Walnut Street Theatre from Feb. 2-10. Based on the best-selling books from R.L. Stine, Philadelphians can delve even more into the classic "Goosebumps" world and follow the mysterious story of Brooke and Zeke's school play. Is it a practical joke or is the school's theater really haunted? You'll just have to see to find out. **Feb. 2-10, various times, Walnut Street Theatre, 825 Walnut St., $11.50-$18, walnutstreettheatre.org**

GOING OUT

First Friday at Treno

Head to Treno this Friday for their popular patio party (it's enclosed) featuring seasonal refreshments and bites. Guests can indulge in specialty cocktails crafted with Ketel One Botanicals and a featured beer along with winter-themed goodies (think roasted leek risotto and red velvet cake gelato) while local musician Michael Thompson performs. **Feb. 1, 5-10 p.m., Treno, 233 Haddon Ave., Westmont, NJ, trenopizzabar.com**

Terrarium Night at Square 1682

The Center City hot spot is hosting a free terrarium making class, Sticks & Stones, with cacti expert Heather Rosenfelt. During the class, check out some of Square 1682's spirited cocktail specials to keep you happy and hydrated. All supplies will be provided and space is limited. It's recommended to sign up ASAP by calling 215-563-5008. **Feb. 2, 5-6 p.m., Square 1682, 121 S. 17th St., free, square1682.com**

FAMILY

Lunar New Year

Head to the Independence Seaport Museum to celebrate the Lunar New Year with family-friendly activities. Families can learn about the heritage of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Japanese cultures while also partaking in fun activities such as playing the Korean boardgame Yut, crafting your own Year of the Pig drum, creating your own dragon puppet and much more. **Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Independence Seaport Museum, 211 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., $14-$19, phillyseaport.org**

ARTS & CULTURE

G. Love & Special Sauce

G. Love & Special Sauce are coming to the City of Brotherly Love to perform some of their hit songs "Cold Beverage," "Baby's Got Sauce," "Milk and Cereal," "Rodeo Clowns" and more. The concert is for all ages; anyone who wishes to drink from the bar must have an ID. **Feb. 2, 8 p.m., The Fillmore, 29 E. Allen St., $27.50, thefillmorephilly.com**

Groundhog Day

South Street Cinema will be playing the hit 1993 feature film "Groundhog Day" on, well, Groundhog Day. Watch Phil live his day on repeat and relive the classic story over and over again. Showtimes start at 10 a.m. and go until midnight, with a show beginning every two hours. **Feb. 2, South Street Cinema, 327 South St., facebook.com/southstreetcinema**

Feminist Flea Market

This fun, free and unique pop-up market will feature over 60 female vendors and artists selling different goodies including jewelry, clothing, handmade items, collectibles and much, much more. Feel the girl power and celebrate all that is female this weekend. **Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Underground Arts, 1200 Callowhill St., free, undergroundarts.org**

MOLLY GIVEN

Super Bowl LIII is the monstrous and unavoidable elephant in the TV room this weekend. Many people you know are going to watch it even if you aren't, and with so much thematically similar counter-programming, the big game will be hard to escape. Even so, there are still plenty of options for what to watch this weekend should football not be your bag. From the Super Bowl itself to a new limited series on Netflix, here's what to watch on TV this weekend. **ANDREW HUSBAND**

"RUSSIAN DOLL"

Feb. 1 on Netflix

Co-created by Natasha Lyonne, Amy Poehler and Leslye Headland, "Russian Doll" stars the former as a young woman named Nadia who's having difficulty coming to terms with her life. A party meant to celebrate it, however, quickly becomes as surreal as it is comedically dangerous when she begins to experience it over and over again. "Russian Doll" adeptly mixes the comedy and drama genres, so audiences won't want to miss it.

KITTEN BOWL VI

GETTY IMAGES

Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. on Hallmark

Though Hallmark's Puppy Bowl came first, the Hallmark Channel has been broadcasting its own Super Bowl alternative for the past few years. Dubbed the Kitten Bowl, this year's version will premiere at 2 p.m., an hour before the Puppy Bowl. Much like its Animal Planet counterpart, Hallmark's TV event is fueled by adoption candidates from animal shelters across the country and encourages viewers to donate or adopt pets.

"THE WORLD'S BEST"

Feb. 3 at 10 p.m. on CBS

Not to be outdone by "The Voice," "America's Got Talent" and other reality competition shows at other networks, CBS is using the Super Bowl to launch "The World's Best" on Sunday. Hosted by James Corden of "The Late Late Show," "The World's Best" is billed as a "one-of-a-kind global talent competition series" that will pit numerous acts from across the globe against one another for the approval of judges Drew Barrymore, RuPaul Charles and Faith Hill and a global panel of industry experts.

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"Russian Doll" debuts on Netflix this weekend. NETFLIX

Natasha Lyonne on the personal journey of making *'Russian Doll'*

The "Orange Is the New Black" and "American Pie" alum is back with a deeply personal new series.

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These days, Natasha Lyonne is best known for her portrayal of Nicky Nichols on "Orange Is the New Black." Every once in a while, the 39-year-old actress will also get recognized for her supporting work in the "American Pie" film series. Once her new semi-autobiographical black comedy series "Russian Doll" drops on Netflix this weekend, however, all of that is going to change. That's because it's going to be one of the year's most talked about shows.

Co-created with Amy Poehler and Leslye Headland, Lyonne's "Russian Doll" follows a young woman named Nadia whose 36th birthday turns into a wild, genre-bending night of adventure. The less audiences know about "Russian Doll" before peeling back its many expertly-crafted layers, the better. Even so, one thing that viewers should know before going into it is just how deeply personal this show is to Lyonne.

"This thing is really my baby. I've been thinking about it probably for a lifetime, and certainly from my darker days in life," she tells Metro.

Throughout the 2000s, Lyonne's life spiraled out of control. She was arrested for drunk driving, faced additional charges for drug use and failure to appear in court, and underwent rehab and emergency surgery before rebounding with a career in live theater. Her gradual and methodical comeback resulted in her "Orange Is the New Black" casting and, after some unsuccessful collaborations with Poehler, "Russian Doll" on Netflix.

"After 'Old Soul' wasn't picked up at NBC, Amy and I started thinking we should do a show without a network," she says. "We wanted to work somewhere where we could really say what we wanted to say, and that project ultimately became 'Russian Doll.' The main idea behind it is, no matter what choices you make in life, even when you're given boundless options, you will always be left with an unresolved sort of inner brokenness. That's something that you have to reconcile at some point and that's what 'Russian Doll' is all about."

"Of course, my personal version of this is my experience with addiction," adds Lyonne.

"It became a character who's moving on from an isolated, self-destructive experience to one in which she's really up against the odds of some stark life and death stuff. Though it's still sort of against her will, she now has to sign up for human connections and become a participating member in this whole thing in order to make it out alive. That is an incredibly personal story for me. Hopefully, people will agree with us and think "Russian Doll" a pretty fun way to tell that kind of story."

Again, if all of this sounds just a bit too generalized, don't panic. "Russian Doll" is packed with as much humor as it is existential drama and it all rests on viewers not knowing precisely what's going to happen before they start watching. Once audiences have made it through the first of "Russian Doll's" eight episodes, however, they will have no trouble understanding what it is that Lyonne is doing (and why Netflix doesn't want anything to be spoiled).

"I think I'm the only person that's really able to tell this particular story," Lyonne says. "It's just such a personal work for me. And yes, Amy and Leslye were on board and it's as much theirs as it is mine, but they kept reminding me that this was very much my story. This was very much my life. So if I was going to tell it and tell it truthfully, then it was my job to do that and do it right."

"Russian Doll" is now on Netflix.

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Where to watch the big game in Philly

Super Bowl Sunday is almost here.

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It's almost game day and many Philadelphians are wondering where to go to watch the Super Bowl in the city. You're in luck, some top Philly spots are offering specials and enticing deals to make your life that much easier. Here are all of the best places to watch the Super Bowl in Philly.

Garage Passyunk will offer game day specials. DAN UDON

La Peg

La Peg will be showing the big game outdoors by their new Pegsicle Ice Bar (opens Feb. 1) along with serving up some spirited and delicious specials. There is no cover and Philadelphians can sip on spiked hot chocolate, warm cider and mulled wine while warming up by one of the fire pits or try one of La Pegs Super Bowl specialty drinks: Mcvay's Margarita (for the Rams) and Cheaters Punch (for those cheating Patriots of course.) *140 N. Christopher Columbus Blvd., lapegbrasserie.com*

Garage Fishtown and Passyunk

Both Garage locations will be offering specials for the biggest game of the year. The party at Garage Passyunk starts at 6 p.m. Their five TV's and a 9ft projection screen will be on with sound and they will also be offering $3 Bud Light (16 oz.) cans. Food is BYO, feel free to bring any tasty treats in while watching the game. Garage Fishtown will also have their nine TV's and a 13ft projection screen on with sound starting at 6 p.m. Reuben "Big Rube" Harley will be serving up mouthwatering dishes including his popular fried chicken and more. Garage Fishtown will also have a BYO food policy as well as $3 Bud Light drafts and $8 Tom Brady's Tears FunBags. *1231 E. Passyunk Ave., 100 E. Girard Ave., garagephilly.com*

Bar Philadelphia

Bar Philadelphia will be saddling up for the game with drink specials that just can't be beaten. Guests who head to Bar Philadelphia on Super Bowl Sunday can grab $3 Miller Lite drafts and $4 whiskey shots throughout the game. Bar Philadelphia will also have the game playing on all of their TV's with the sound up. *1309 Sansom St., barphiladelphia.com*

Heritage

Heritage knows how to throw down family-friendly style for Super Bowl Sunday. Heritage will be showing the game on their 150-inch projection screen with the sound played over their house speakers while also offering delicious food (think buffalo chicken dip and burger sliders) and drink specials. At 3 p.m., Carlsberg will be in the house with football trivia and prizes including a Mitchell & Ness Eagles sweatshirt and gift cards to some of your favorite bars in Philadelphia. *914 N. 2nd St., heritage.life*

Good Dog Bar

Good Dog Bar will be offering optimal coverage of the big game this Sunday with four large TVs around the main bar on their first floor and an additional large flat screen in their second-floor dining room. With savory menu items such as poutine, vegetarian chili, creamy mac & cheese, beer bratwurst, steak frites and more; Good Dog Bar is the place to be. A great spot if you are looking for somewhere to watch the Super Bowl in Philly. *224 S. 15th St., goodogbar.com*

P.J. Whelihan's

P.J. Whelihan's is a great choice when looking for some of the best places to watch the Super Bowl in Philly. With numerous locations, plenty of space, over 40 TVs and delicious specials- it's a no brainer. At the bar, look out for their bottle and draft specials, including $2.50 Miller Lite and Miller Highlife bottles, $3 Miller Lite 22oz drafts and $4 Leinenkugel's seasonal Shandy drafts. *various locations, pjspub.com*

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1
Philadelphia Winter Craft Beer & Cocktail Festival
Feb. 1

Try all of the hoppy, sweet and unique flavors of the winter season with plenty of tasty alcoholic options. **Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.-11 p.m., 23rd Street Armory, 22 S. 23rd St., $14-$59**

2
Baby Boer Goat Yoga
Feb. 2

If you want to get in shape in a fun way, try doing yoga with a cute and cuddly baby goat on your back. **Feb. 2, 3 p.m.-4 p.m., 1914 E. Passyunk Ave, $44**

2
Lunar New Year
Feb. 2

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with activities like dragon puppets, Chinese lantern making and more. **Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Independence Seaport Museum, 211 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., $14-$19**

6
Philly Cooks 2019
Feb. 6

Fifty of the best restaurants in the city are set to feature some of their most popular and tastiest dishes. **Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m., 2300 Arena, 2300 S. Swanson St., $108-$118**

8
Van Winkle Weller Whiskey Tasting
Feb. 8

Whiskey lovers can indulge at this event where they will get to sample four highly-rated bourbons and more. **Feb. 8, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., The Twisted Tail, 509 S. 2nd St., $218**

9
Pre-Valentine's Lock and Key Singles Party
Feb. 9

Single gals will wear a lock around their necks while eligible bachelors will wear a key at this dating event. **Feb. 9, 8 p.m.-10 p.m., Fox and Hound, 1501 Spruce St., $21**

9
Philadelphia Onesie Bar Crawl
Feb. 9

Break out your best onesie and travel from bar to bar, including Concourse and Raven, during this fun crawl. **Feb. 9, 2 p.m.-10 p.m., Howl at the Moon, 258 S. 15th St., $13-$42**

14
Sweetheart Skate at Winterfest
Feb. 14

Enjoy the Blue Cross RiverRink at the exciting Winterfest by the Delaware River Waterfront with your sweetheart. **Feb. 14, 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Blue Cross RiverRink, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., free**

15
Big Philly Beerfest
Feb. 15

Time to sample some of the most unique, hoppy and refreshing brews around at Philly's biggest beer fest. **Feb. 15, 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., $45-$65**

16
Boys II Men
Feb. 16

Boyz II Men is coming home to the City of Brotherly Love to perform some of their greatest hits including "I'll Make Love to You." **Feb. 16, 8-11 p.m., The Met Philadelphia, 858 N. Broad St., $49-$99**

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17
Fire and Ice Festival
Feb. 17

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17
The Cellar Wine Tasting
Feb. 17

Head down to the Rittenhouse Hotel's swanky wine cellar to sample over 50 kinds of delicious wine. **Feb. 17, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., The Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W Rittenhouse Sq., $81**

WHERE TO EAT IN PHILLY THIS WEEKEND

AMADA
With Amada, Jose Garces explores the indulgent world of Spanish tapas offering a one-of-a-kind experience for all Philadelphians. Amada provides an authentic atmosphere and menu that is nothing short of impressive. *217-219 Chestnut St., philadelphia.amadarestaurant.com*

LUCHA CARTEL
Being colorful, alluring and playful isn't typically how you would describe a restaurant- but all of those adjectives ring true for Lucha Cartel. The atmosphere of the Old City eatery is pure fun but still refined with their color scheme, bold artwork and all around vibe. *207 Chestnut St., lucha-cartel.com*

RUSSET
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RALPHS
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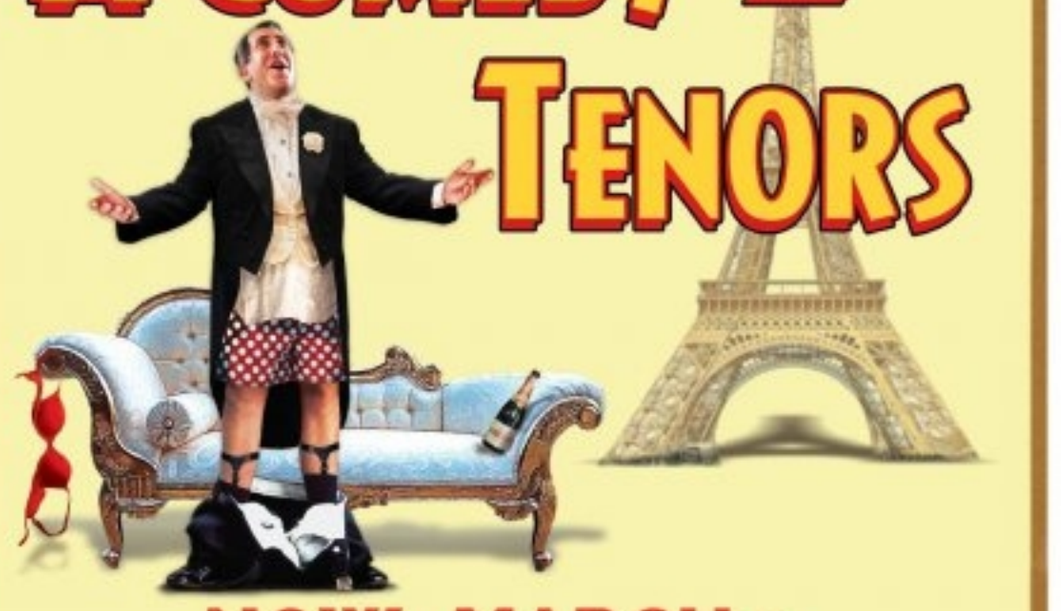
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The week's top GOSSIP news

Celebrity and entertainment news is always juicy. Even if you don't keep up with tabloids or regularly check gossip websites everyone loves their daily dose of tea. Metro has the scoop on the biggest scandals, shockers, shades and all around crazy tidbits that has the celebrity world in a tizzy. Here are the biggest gossip stories of this week. **MOLLY GIVEN**

"BLACK PANTHER" MAKES HISTORY AT THE SAG AWARDS

The Marvel movie was honored with one of the most coveted awards of the night- Best Ensemble Cast (the SAG Awards 2019's version of Best Picture). "Black Panther" made history by the first superhero picture and the biggest box-office earner to ever win the guild's top prize. Chadwick Boseman made a memorable speech after winning, "We know what's it like to be the tail and not the head. We know what it's like to be beneath and not above. I just have to say, it's a pleasure to be celebrated by you and loved by you. I know you can't have a Black Panther now without a 2 on it."

LADY GAGA AND BRADLEY COOPER SURPRISE FANS WITH A DUET

"A Star is Born" co-stars Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga surprised fans by performing a live show in Las Vegas. Everyone who was there to see the "Poker Face" singer got an extra surprise when Cooper sauntered out and together, the pair performed "Shallow". "Shallow" received a 2019 Oscar nomination for best original song, and Lady Gaga and Cooper are also nominated for best actress and best actor. Many fans are speculating that the pair may be reuniting for an upcoming film titled "Cleopatra", and many others have been vocal about hoping the two get married... although they aren't exactly dating and are both in other relationships.

KENDALL JENNER'S COMPANY IS SUBPOENAED FOR THE FYRE FESTIVAL CASE

After Netflix and Hulu's Fyre Festival documentaries were released many started wondering whether legal action would be taken regarding all the "influencers" posting and promoting misleading videos about the botched festival. It seems that they are going to receive some legal heat. A federal judge ruled that Kendall Jenner Inc., IMG Models and DNA Model Management are required to comply with all legal subpoenas related to the Fyre Festival case. A source close to the model told In Touch "Kendall's gotten into hot water yet again, but this one might hit her where it hurts most — her bank account.A Manhattan federal bankruptcy judge has ruled that Kendall and the other models who promoted the now infamous Fyre Festival can be subpoenaed. The bankruptcy trustee has questions, and Kendall may get dragged into court to provide some answers."

RENT LIVE PREMIERES ON TV... BUT ISN'T FULLY LIVE

Fox promoted the popular musical as "Rent Live", the only problem was when the musical did premiere, it wasn't exactly live. Brennin Hunt, who was cast in the role of Roger suffered an accident and broke his foot the night before the show was set to run. Fox decided to improvise and instead air a dress rehearsal in the place of the live-action show. Although the common saying is "the show must go on", airing the dress rehearsal (while the cast was performing live at the same time for a studio audience in LA) proved to be unsuccessful and the not-so-live broadcast of "Rent" drew the lowest ratings ever for a live TV musical.

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BEN AFFLECK REVEALS HE WILL NOT RETURN FOR THE NEW BATMAN FILM

Affleck has played the caped crusader in "Batman v. Superman", "Justice League" and the upcoming film "Justice League 2". Now, the 46-year-old actor is passing the cape down to a new Bruce Wayne for the 2021 film "The Batman". No one has been confirmed to be stepping into the role of Bruce Wayne for the new film directed by Matt Reeves yet, but there are plenty of rumors surrounding who it could be. Reeves opened up to THR about the new film, "It's very much a point of view-driven, noir Batman tale. It's told very squarely on his shoulders, and I hope it's going to be a story that will be thrilling but also emotional. It's more Batman in his detective mode than we've seen in the films. The comics have a history of that."

WHO ARE CELEBRITIES ROOTING FOR IN THE SUPER BOWL?

Mark Wahlberg is obviously a Pats fan. GETTY IMAGES

RAMS

Snoop Dogg
Snoop has been very vocal before about his team- , the "Next Episode" rapper has even performed at their halftime show.

Danny Trejo
Actor Danny Trejo has always been a Rams fan- he even used to sneak into the games as a kid. When ESPN asked Trejo how he felt having the Rams back in L.A. a few years ago, he could hardly contain his joy.

Terry Crews
Crews is not only a Rams fan- he also used to be a Ram. In 1991 the "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" actor played defensive end and linebacker for a handful of teams including the now-L.A.-based squad.

Daniel Radcliffe
The "Harry Potter" actor isn't exactly a Rams superfan- but he sure doesn't like the Patriots or their quarterback. "The whole world's rooting against the Patriots," Radcliffe said "[Tom Brady] should stop winning things. Take that MAGA hat out of your locker. I feel like that was the moment when we were like, as a country, 'Oh, c'mon, dude, we all want to be behind you, you're awesome, don't put that in there.'" Patriots fans weren't too pleased.

PATRIOTS

Chris Evans
Captain America is a huge New England fan, and more specifically he loves the proclaimed GOAT, Tom Brady. He's been very vocal about wanting to meet him as well.

Mark and Donnie Wahlberg
Is anyone surprised that the Wahlbergs are Patriots fans? Both Donnie and Mark have been avid fans of the New England team for years.

Mindy Kaling
Kaling is rooting for New England team like she's done for years. Kaling has been very vocal across her social media accounts, especially last year during the Super Bowl between the Patriots and the Eagles.

Elizabeth Banks
Banks has always been a proud "Masshole" and isn't afraid to show it. Her social media is vocal about her team and she didn't even let playing the role of a Giants fanatic in the 2006 film "Invincible" ruin her New England pride.

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It could be because of my superhuman strength, but for some reason the boot laces on my Doc Martens only seem to last about a month or so before they snap apart. What gives? You'd think they would use nicer laces for their boots.

— **Dan**, *Metro Philly reader*

DIRTY, DIRTY SEPTA!

SEPTA, you need to hire folks to professionally clean your subways, elevators, etc. The walls, the windows, the elevators, the floors...everything is very nasty. Truly embarrassing to us Philadelphians. Is it really that hard for your facilities folks to take pride in their jobs? Yuck.

— **Bernadette Kelly**, Metro Philly reader

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Aries Double-check any information you are given to avoid being misdirected. It's up to you to verify facts and use your intelligence to make the most out of what comes your way.

Taurus A business meeting will be revealing. Listen carefully and take notes. Gather your thoughts and don't make a premature statement or decision. Time is on your side, so don't bend under pressure.

Gemini You'll be looking for a good time, but before you let down your guard, consider the company that surrounds you. Don't share too much personal information.

Cancer Listen to what someone has to offer, but don't buy into a scheme that could be overly risky. Concentrate on nurturing important relationships and making positive improvements.

Leo Take your time to figure out what you want to do. Socializing with people who share your interests will help you put your professional challenges in perspective.

Virgo Do something you enjoy. Include people who make you smile and offer genuine advice. Avoid anyone who is excessive or manipulative.

Libra Put more time and effort into your health and well-being. A personal change will do you good. Don't let someone who is critical and negative bring you down.

Scorpio Get out, visit a friend or see someone who makes you feel at peace. You need time to think about what you want to do. A creative outlet will be therapeutic.

Sagittarius The more energetic the activity, the better you will feel. Challenging situations will motivate you to bring about positive change. Physical improvements will boost your morale.

Capricorn Your heart is in the right place, but sometimes you have to let others do as they please. Offer suggestions but don't criticize, or you may damage an important relationship.

Aquarius Take note of what others are doing and consider how it can benefit you. Take advantage of opportunities that can lead to higher wages, better investments or new beginnings.

Pisces Stick to what and who you know if you want to avoid being taken advantage of by someone who exaggerates or makes empty promises. Develop your skills and rely on your own abilities.

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Last Kensington encampment closed

A city plan focuses on helping homeless with addiction.

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City officials completed their 30-day plan to close Kensington's Emerald Street homeless encampment on Thursday. Emerald Street was the last of four homeless encampments in the community and was ravaged by opioid addiction, they said.

With assistance from local law enforcement and advocacy from organizations like the Office for Homeless Services, efforts to close the encampment were focused on finding permanent homes for people who had lived in the encampments and opportunities for rehabilitation.

But not everyone was ready to leave the encampments — or even interested, said Donte Smith, 44, a former resident of the encampments who later benefited from local outreach and rehabilitation.

"It's hard to get a job when you can't wake up and take a shower," Smith said. "If you're going to wait for everybody to get it together before you give them services and opportunities, a lot of people are going to die. I know people scream at me every day, saying I'm enabling for handling out clean works and Narcan, and I'm saying if I want to do something to stop the spread of AIDS and hepatitis, then call me crazy."

Smith, 44, who used to struggle with opioid addiction, said he is proud to help others who currently struggle with homelessness and addiction.

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Should Sixers consider trading for Nikola Mirotic?

While Philly is not in on Anthony Davis, they could use a couple of his teammates to upgrade their bench.

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Nikola Mirotic (3). GETTY IMAGES

With the NBA trade deadline being fewer than 10 days away, the Philadelphia 76ers are reportedly searching the market for a wing player and center.

Last week, we wrote about two players that could be of help to the Sixers in Miami Heat guard Wayne Ellington and Detroit Pistons forward Reggie Bullock. Both players would not cost a ton in terms of draft capital and would give Philly another competent three-point shooter.

However, in addition to those players, the Sixers should also be looking at New Orleans Pelicans forward Nikola Mirotic and guard E'Twaun Moore.

The Pelicans could be on the verge of a rebuild with superstar center Anthony Davis, who made it known earlier this week that he will not sign a supermax extension this summer and wants to be traded.

Therefore, if New Orleans ends up trading Davis, it could open up opportunities for Mirotic, Moore, Julius Randle and former Sixers point guard Jrue Holiday to be moved, too.

On his weekly podcast, ESPN's Zach Lowe said that he had heard last weekend that the Pelicans made Mirotic, Moore and Randle all available for draft picks.

"Over the weekend, I had heard from two separate teams that Mirotic, Randle and Moore had all been made available for picks," he said.

"New Orleans is known for perhaps playing some misdirection, so teams didn't know what to think of this. One team made of it, their guess and/or impression was, New Orleans was trying to get picks that it then flips for a big, big piece in a save-the-season trade."

If this is the case, then the Sixers should use their five draft picks that they have for this upcoming summer's draft and try to acquire Mirotic.

This season, the 27-year-old stretch forward is averaging almost a career-high 16.7 points along with 8.3 rebounds in 28.9 minutes per game. He is also shooting 44.7 percent from the field and 36.8 percent from three-point range (7.2 attempts per game).

In addition to his stats, what also makes Mirotic a perfect candidate is his expiring contract. He is only making $12.5 million this season and will be a free agent this summer.

For a team such as the Sixers, they want players who are not only productive but also on expiring deals. Mirotic would be an immediate upgrade over Wilson Chandler, who is doing his best as a small ball stretch four in the Sixers' starting lineup.

Furthermore, we have seen how much better Sixers third-year center Joel Embiid plays when he has a stretch forward next to him. It allows him to dominate the low-post, while the stretch forward (Dario Saric, Ersan Ilyasova, Mike Muscala) can linger around the perimeter.

And then there is also the possibility of adding Moore in a potential deal. The 29-year-old can play a variety of positions, despite being 6-foot-4.

This season with the Pels, he is averaging 12.3 points, 2.5 rebounds, and 2.0 assists in 29.4 minutes per game. Moore is also shooting 48.3 percent from the field and 41.7 percent from three-point range (3.3 attempts per game).

Along with offensive skills, the veteran guard is also a solid defender with a career defensive rating (DRtg) of 111. Just like Mirotic, Moore has a nice contract to move, making $8.8 million this season and $8.67 million next year.

If you think about it, Mirotic and Moore would be upgrades over Muscala and Chandler, whom the Sixers could use in a potential deal along with a draft pick.

Proposing a Sixers offer for Mirotic, Moore

Sixers receive: Nikola Mirotic, E'Twaun Moore

Pels receive: 2019 first-round pick, Wilson Chandler, Mike Muscala

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Sixers receive: Nikola Mirotic, E'Twaun Moore

Pels receive: 2019 first-round pick, Wilson Chandler, Justin Patton and Furkan Korkmaz

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Super Bowl betting preview

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The betting line is not always a true barometer of where two teams are power-rated; it's a reflection of how the public will bet. So while it's fair for some oddsmakers to argue the Rams rate higher than the Patriots, it never made sense to open the Rams -1. Tom Brady and Bill Belichick command too much respect from the betting public, their adversaries are inexperienced on this stage, and so the line has shifted to Patriots -2.5 and occasionally -3. The market has set the right price at this point, no matter how the game turns out. If I have talked to 20 bettors whom I consider sharp, 10 prefer the Patriots and 10 prefer the Rams in a split decision. I see both sides of the story and will sort of hedge my bets on this one.

When playing prop bets, try to picture how the game might develop. Bet on no score in the first 51/2 minutes of the game at -125. Eventually, all hell will break loose as it usually does. Belichick and Sean McVay are not in this poker game to play it safe. These are aggressive coaches who are unafraid to go all in and know fourth-down attempts are often smart moves. Bet on the Patriots to convert a fourth-down attempt at -150. (This prop was mispriced when it opened "Yes" +115.) The same prop play is probably just as good on the Rams. Bet on Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski to go over 31/2 receptions; Brady targeted Gronk a season-high 11 times at Kansas City. Bet on Todd Gurley's longest rush to stay under 161/2 yards; on a sore knee, he carried only four times for 10 yards in the NFC title game. (This prop opened too high at 201/2.) For those who prefer longshot props, consider playing the game to be decided by exactly three points (+375) or by exactly seven points (+700).

It's doubtful this will be a Super blowout. Every time the Patriots are in this game, it goes to the wire. Forget the angles that Belichick and Brady are unlikely to lose this game in back-to-back years and that this is their supposed last stand, because those are fantasy story lines. The Rams have a great shot to win, but they need defensive tackle Aaron Donald to wreak havoc and they need Goff to stand up and trade shots with Brady. My lean on the total is over 561/2, but my opinions on the side and total are not strong. While the Rams power-rated as the better team during the regular season, the Patriots are playing their best in the postseason. The deciding factor in my pick is playoff experience. Brady dwarfs Goff in games (39 to 3), wins (29 to 2), Super Bowl appearances (9 to 1), passing yards (10,917 to 742) and touchdowns (73 to 2). **The pick: New England, 31-30.**

Super Bowl **prop bets primer**

DAVE TULEY

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LOOK UNDER RATHER THAN OVER

This is a general guideline (and certainly there are exceptions like the ones stated above), but most bettors love to cheer for something to happen, as opposed to cheering for players to not pad their stats, so the vast majority of the individual player props are shaded higher than they should be. So, the value is usually on the Under (again, unless you can find reasons why a certain player will be used more than usual). In addition to just falling short of a season average that many of those player props are set at, you also have to factor in the chance of injury in keeping a player Under (not that anyone would or should cheer for an injury just because it helps them cash a bet).

BET AS EARLY AS YOU CAN (UNLESS...)

There's a reason the professional bettors will be lined up at the Westgate on Friday, and that's because they want first crack at the openers to get the best numbers. Now, they don't always bat a thousand, but if you think there's an edge to be found, probably others see the same things and the best numbers won't last. While we're mostly talking about "sharp" bets here, this can also go for popular bets that end up getting bet down. For instance, I should tell you that professional bettors usually bet on "no safety" and "no overtime" because the odds are set lower than the true odds on the "yes," because books know the public loves to bet those and cheer for those unlikely occurrences (of course, the sharps have been burned several times in recent years with a bunch of safeties and then the first and only overtime in Super Bowl history two years ago with the Patriots–Falcons). Still, if you insist that you really believe we'll have overtime (heck, why not, as both conference championship games went to extra time, right?), then bet it early to get the best price before books lower it to limit their exposure. But — and this is a big BUT — if you're able to monitor the lines on the props you like and can see which way they're headed, that should tell you if you're better off waiting. The more you follow the betting markets, the more you'll make those right decisions.

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Tom, we don't think you suck

Brent Musburger on Super Bowl LIII.

BRENT MUSBURGER

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Sorry to interrupt Tom Brady's "everybody thinks we suck" mantra, but Tom, we found a group that doesn't think you suck at all: The bettors for Super Bowl 53.

Some 75 percent of the early money came in on your Patriots and, yes, Tom, you will close as the favorite in the Super Bowl, just as you have the last two years.

I can make a case for either the Patriots or the Rams, but I've decided to go with experience over youth.

Let's make it Patriots, 27-24. In other words, I like the favorite -21/2 and under 561/2. No team is better equipped to block Aaron Donald, Ndamukong Suh and Michael Brockers than the Patriots.

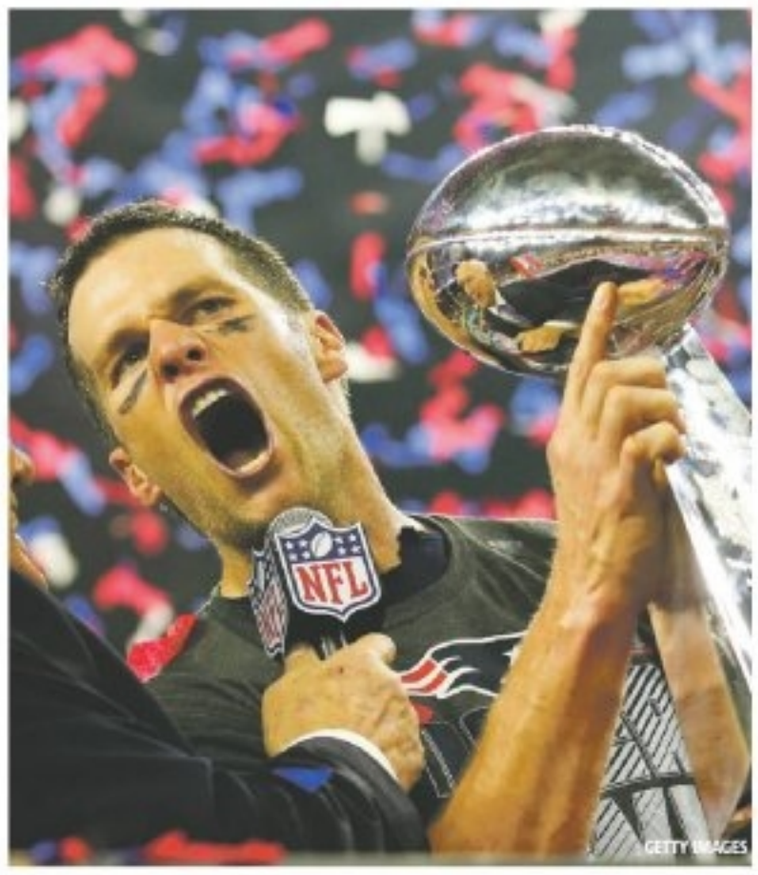
New England is also one of those rare teams that runs the ball better with a fullback. Let me introduce you to James Develin, a 6-foot-3, 255-pound, 30-year-old out of Brown University. In case you had not heard of this Ivy Leaguer, you will know him after Sunday's game. He wears No. 46, and he will line up in front of Sony Michel, James White or Rex Burkhead. He will help those five offensive linemen when they lose contact with one of the Rams' tremendous rushers.

Brady's favorite targets figure to be Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman. Both are efficient in the middle of the field or on the edges. And when Brady decides that Marcus Peters and Aqib Talib are pressing the line of scrimmage too tightly, he will send Chris Hogan and Phillip Dorsett deep down the sidelines.

Brady is coming off a passing performance against the Chiefs that included 180 yards in the fourth quarter and overtime as he led New England to a come-from-behind victory in a hostile stadium. He has more playoff wins (29) than any other single quarterback has postseason games played. Those 29 victories are also more than 28 NFL teams have in their entire playoff history. Go against the G.O.A.T. with your own money, not mine.

I have great respect for what Sean McVay has accomplished with the Los Angeles Rams, but the uncertainty concerning Todd Gurley and the fact that star kick Greg Zuerlein spent the off week walking around with a protective boot on his plant leg, which he says he injured before the 57-yard game-winner at New Orleans, has me leaning toward Bill Belichick and Co.

So, yes, it's the Patriots –2.5, but if the line goes to a field goal at the South Point, I'll tease that up to Rams +10 and try to middle it. Because in the Super Bowl, just like all year round, cash-in' tickets is what it's all about.



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Super Bowl props betting picks

Will either team score in the first five minutes? (Yes +110, No -130)
New England marched down the field with authority in their opening drives against the Chargers and Chiefs during these playoffs, but history shows that the Patriots are usually slow to begin in Super Bowls.

Of the eight Super Bowls Tom Brady has started for the Pats, four of them yielded 0-0 first quarters.

THE PLAY: No (-130)

Which will be higher, Duke's Zion Williamson's total points and rebounds on Saturday (-140) or total pass completions by Tom Brady on Sunday (+110)?
Duke's fabulous freshman, Zion Williamson, will face St. John's at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday afternoon. He's averaged 22 points and just over nine rebounds over the course of the season and is fresh off a 26-point, nine-rebound effort against Notre Dame on Monday.

Tom Brady's season-high for completions was 34, which he reached twice.

THE PLAY: Zion Williamson total points and rebounds

Will there be a roughing the passer penalty? (Yes +105, No -145)
John Parry has been tasked with the head referee assignment for Super Bowl LIII.

According to ESPN, Parry threw the second-most flags of any head ref for roughing the passer (11) during the regular season. There were 119 total roughing the passer penalties assessed during the year, 10 more than in 2017 and 27 more than in 2016. The odds are too tempting to pass up here.

THE PLAY: Yes (+105)

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Eagles' Chris Long noncommittal on NFL future

The veteran defensive end had 6.5 sacks and played 59 percent of defensive snaps this season.

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The Philadelphia Eagles may have to revamp their defensive line, specifically at defensive end this offseason, depending on a couple of players' decisions.

As all we know, veteran defensive end Brandon Graham is a pending free agent and reportedly plans to explore the market. However, the Eagles might also have to worry about what veteran backup defensive end Chris Long decides to do in regard to next season.

Long was on 94WIP last week and spoke about his thought-making process heading into this offseason.

"I'd like to play football in 2019. I thought I had a strong year and felt good physically," he said. "Listen, I know I'm an older guy. But, you know, I don't think I've missed practice over the last two years. I feel like I've been durable and ready when called upon."

The 33-year-old defensive end also added that the itch is still there to play, but things ultimately come down to what the Eagles' front office does.

"At the end of the day, the itch is still there, I still love playing on Sunday. But as far as what happens, I'm literally just kind of sitting back and seeing what the Eagles do and who they bring in or don't bring in and how deep that room gets. But I'd still love to play. But at the end of the day, at 33, I could go either way."

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NBA trade rumors: Sixers interested in Dewayne Dedmon

The 29-year-old center is averaging 10.2 points and 7.5 rebounds per game this season.

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If the Philadelphia 76ers do end up making a move by the NBA trade deadline, it will more than likely be for a player from the Atlanta Hawks.

Over the last few weeks, we've heard the Sixers being connected to various Hawks players such as backup point guard Jeremy Lin, forward Taurean Prince and center Dewayne Dedmon.

However, when it comes to Lin, the Hawks reportedly want a first-round pick in return for the veteran guard. Good luck with trying to pry that away from a contending team.

Speaking of Dedmon, it appears that the interest is real between Atlanta and Philly. ESPN's Tim Bontemps reported on Wednesday that the Sixers are interested in the veteran big man. But the NBA scribe also added that Philly would have to give up former first-overall pick Markelle Fultz in a potential deal.

Till this point, the Sixers have been reluctant to give up Fultz in a trade, despite him being on and off the court. The former University of Washington point guard is currently rehabbing from thoracic outlet syndrome. It remains to be seen if or when the second-year point guard will return to the hardwood.

In 19 games this season, Fultz is averaging 8.2 points, 3.7 rebounds, and 3.1 assists in 22.5 minutes per game.

Nevertheless, it does not come as a surprise to see the Sixers' growing interest in Dedmon. They need a competent backup center, who would also improve their bench.

The 29-year-old center is averaging 10.2 points and 7.5 rebounds in 24.7 minutes per game this season. In addition to his rebounding prowess and post play, the former Sixer has added a three-point shot to his skill set.

Dedmon is shooting 36.8 percent from three-point range on 3.1 attempts per game, which is better than both Joel Embiid (31 percent) and Mike Muscala (34.7 percent).

However, the bigger question at hand is, is Dedmon worth giving up Fultz? No way. It would be asinine for the Sixers to give up on the 20-year-old point guard, before seeing him at full strength.

Therefore, what is another possible trade idea for Dedmon, since the veteran center is on an expiring deal, making $7.2 million this season?

The Sixers could put together a package consisting of Justin Patton ($2.7 million), Furkan Korkmaz ($1.7 million), and a 2019 first-round pick.

On paper, this is not an appealing deal, but the Hawks would get a first-round pick, which they want, and a couple of young players. It should be interesting to see if the Sixers get Dedmon or anybody at the deadline.

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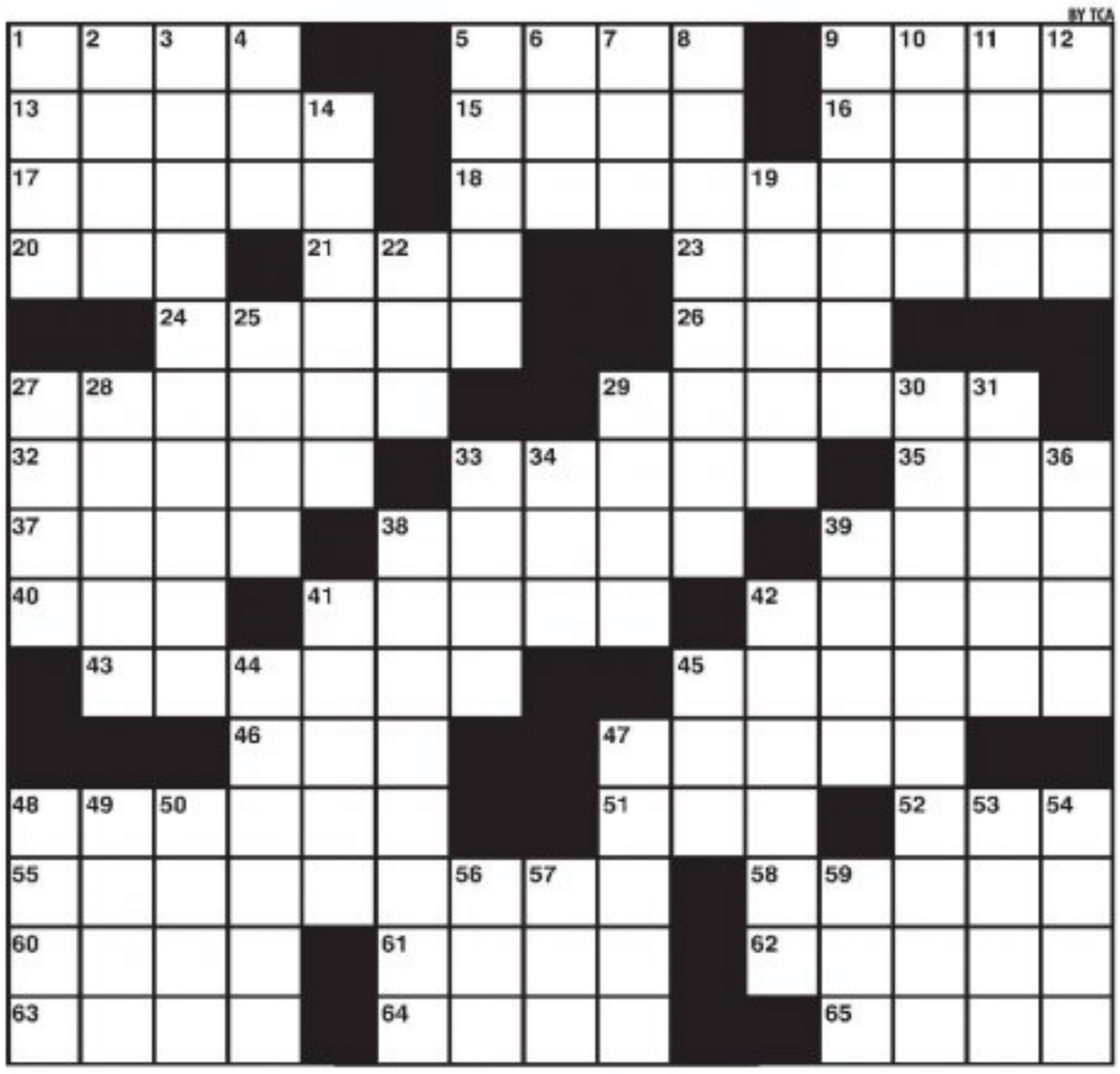

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35 Margaret's nickname
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40 Early August baby
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61 Actor's part
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65 Circus shelter

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3 Shilly-shallying
4 Garland
5 Baby dog
6 Late bedtime
7 Can cover
8 Kicking out
9 Last quarter
10 Make money
11 "My Country, 'Tis of __"
12 Eur. nation
14 Benefactors
19 Seashore
22 Not __ longer; no more
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27 Barn baby
28 Rants and __; carries on
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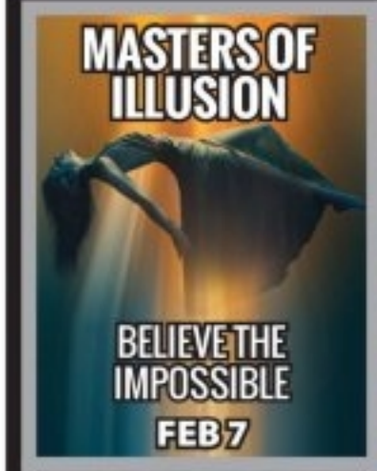

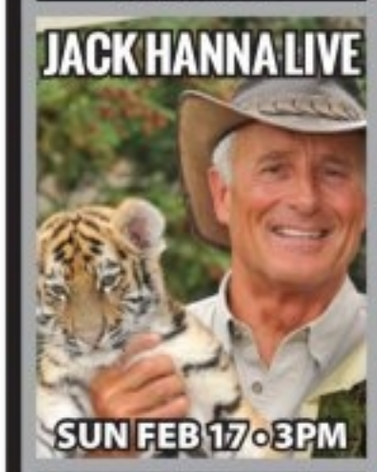

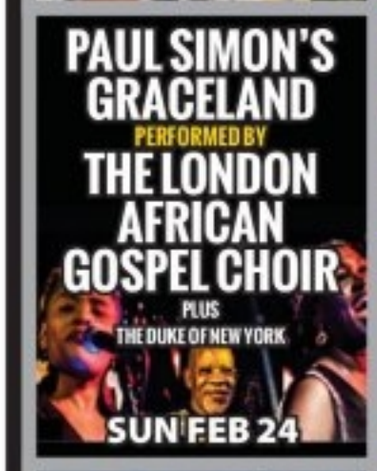

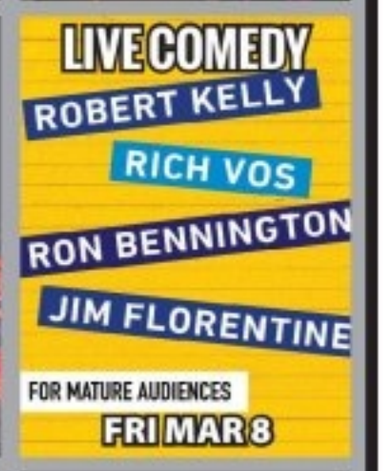

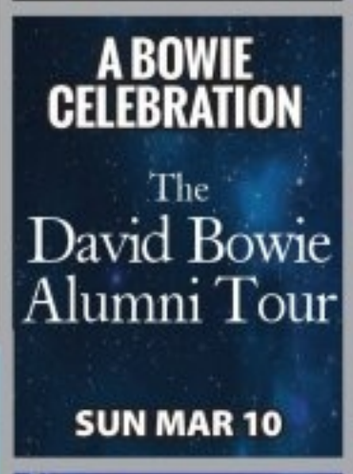

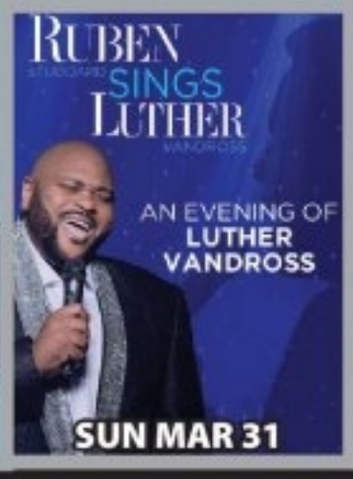

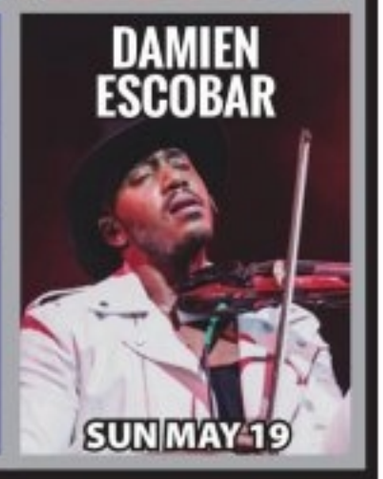

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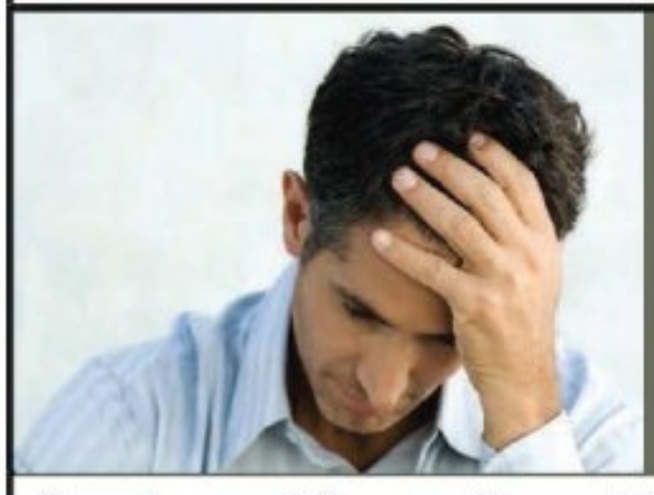

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